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Summary Proceedings

Health Information Infrastructure Board Meeting (HIIAB)

Radisson Hotel, Seattle

Thursday, October 27, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Wendy Carr, V. Marc Droppert, Thomas Fritz, James Hereford, Jeffrey Hummel, Hugh Maloney, David Masuda, Richard Onizuka, Gary Robinson, Marcus Pierson, and Alexis Wilson

HCA Board Staff and Consultant:

Juan Alaniz, Ruth McIntosh, and Dr. Bill Yasnoff

Board Members Not Present:

Ed Singler

Interested Parties Attending:

Rachel Talarico, SeaMar Community Health Clinic; Bob Perna, Washington State Medical Association; Phil Watkins, Multi-Care Health System; Bob Covington, Department of Social and Health Services; John Christenson, Christenson-IT Law; Jim King, Department of Labor and Industries; Paul Nichol, Veteran Administration-Puget Sound HCS; David Deichert, WANP; Stephanie Yurcisin, Washington State Senate; Tom Jones, Community Choice Provider Network; Sandy Rominger, The Boeing Company; DJ Wilson, Northwest Physicians Network; Mark Simon, Maxwell IT; Bill Moore, Premera; Andy Fallot, Foundation for Healthcare Quality; and Rick MacCornack, Northwest Physicians Network

Call to Order:

The meeting called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Chair, V. Marc Droppert.

Introduction of Board Members and Attendees Approval of 8/25/05 Meeting

Summary:

Board members introduced themselves. The meeting summary (minutes) of September 22, 2005 were moved, seconded, and adopted by the Board as submitted.

Adoption of the Agenda:

All agenda items were approved and adopted by the Board.

Reports and Assignments:

Juan Alaniz, Project Manager, reviewed assignments due to the Board and provided a progress report on outstanding activities:

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Progress Reports:

- **Stakeholders Advisory Committee:**

A list of thirty-five nominees for consideration will be forwarded to Steve Hill, Health Care Authority Administrator.

- **Governor's Health Summit:**

Richard Onizuka, Health Care Policy Director gave an update about HCA's role at the Governor's Summit. The Governor's agenda covered the following five main areas of focus:

- Information Technology
- Transparency – Purchasing for Quality
- Evidenced Based Purchasing
- Effective Chronic Care
- Prevention & Wellness

(An overview of the Summit and several key presentations can be accessed at: <http://www.governor.wa.gov/healthcaresummit/default.htm>)

Juan Alaniz, Project Manager provided the following updates:

- **Town Hall Meetings:** Juan provided the Board with preliminary ideas for “engagement” of the public, providers other stakeholders and interested parties. The Board requested that the concepts be presented at a future meeting.
- **Assessment:** HCA staff continues to gather surveys, studies, and assessments on health information technology that may be useful in further providing a snapshot of adoption at the state, regional and national level. The Board and HCA agree that an assessment on the level of adoption would be contained within the final report, but not for the interim report. The assessment would be accomplished in the early part of CY 2006.
- **Other reports:** Board member Tom Fritz reported on activities with the Governor's office, specifically the topic of the expected budget surplus. He engaged the Board into a discussion as to whether HIIAB and HCA should consider supplemental funding.

Richard Onizuka and other Board members commented on the Governor's message at the Summit and elsewhere of “no” new money in the budget. The Governor suggested realigning resources throughout the state to accomplish health related strategies. Chair, V. Marc Droppert inquired about potential next steps to fund any proposed strategies and proposals made by the HIIAB that

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might be in the final report. Richard Onizuka suggested coordinating a meeting with HCA Administrator, Steve Hill and HIIAB Chair, V. Marc Droppert to discuss this and other eventualities. An updated report will be forward to the Board via email or teleconference.

- **Web Page**

The (HCA) web page <http://www.hca.wa.gov/hit/> continues to be of interest and provides basic information on the project. Recording of page access did not start until recently. Since September, the project web page was accessed by 513 unique IPs and received 871 total hits.

Data gathered regarding visits to the web site will assist HCA and the Board in compiling information for the next year report to the Legislature and the Governor.

- **HIIAB 2006 Calendar Year Schedule:**

Juan Alaniz provided the Board with projected 2006 HIIAB meeting dates and all dates were approved and adopted by the Board. (See attachment)

Examples of Washington State Activities

Three guest presenters provided the HIIAB with twenty-minute summaries of their organization's experiences and activities with health information technology and EHR adoption. Paul Nichol, M.D, Veteran's Administration; Rick MacCornack, PhD., Northwest Physicians Network; and Tom Jones, Community CHOICE PHO. (Presentation materials are available on the [website](#), excluding Veterans Administration. It will be added at a later date.)

Work Session: Review and add to Framework/Draft Preliminary Report:

- The draft working document for the HIIAB preliminary report was prepared by Dr. William Yasnoff on October 8, 2005 for the September 22, 2005 HIIAB meeting session, and provided to the Board for comments. The Board commented and recommended some revisions or expanded upon drafted content.
- Dr. Yasnoff will follow-up with the Board in discussion for any further comments or recommendations to the HIIAB preliminary report. The Board commented and provided specific changes to the report.
- Dr. Yasnoff scribed the work and comments of the Board, and will distribute the revised HIIAB preliminary draft report to the Board via e-mail on Monday, October 31, 2005. By consensus the Board agreed to

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review and return with additional comments and recommendations if needed, by COB on November 2, 2005.

Interested Parties and Public Comments:

Tom Bryon, Washington State Hospital Association:

Mr. Bryon commented on a survey resource on adoption of HealthIT from the American Hospital Association (AHA). AHA published a thirteen page IT guideline article in October 2005. Mr. Bryon stated that the article content is comparable to the state of Washington. Mr. Byron suggested to the Board that while EMR/EHRs are obtainable, we (in Washington State) should acknowledge architecture differences. Mr. Byron recommended that the Board consider the issue of what is “obtainable” with IT resources available.

David Deichert, Washington Association of Naturopathic Physicians

The big component of concern for consumers is to ensure privacy. Consumers want to know and be guaranteed with confidentiality and privacy. Dr. Deichert suggested that any implementation be thoroughly researched and concurs that this aspect is an important factor as we further explore wider scale adoption of EHR and HealthIT. .

Adjournment

With no further business and with assignments confirmed by Juan Alaniz, the Board adjourned by Chair, V. Marc Droppert at 4:15 p.m. The next scheduled meeting location is the Radisson SeaTac Hotel on November 17, 2005.

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Attachment 1

October 27, 2005 HIIAB Summary Proceedings

Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board (HIIAB) January through December 2006

Meeting Schedule

January 26th
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

September 28th
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

February 23rd
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

October 26th
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

March 23rd
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

November 16th
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

April 27th
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

December (TBD) 7th or 14th
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

May 18th
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

June 22nd
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

July 27th
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

August 24th
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM